

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

LEA MÁRQUEZ PETERSON– Chairwoman
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JUSTIN OLSON
ANNA TOVAR
JIM O’CONNOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY
OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, INC. DBA
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF THE WHITE
MOUNTAINS FOR A STREAMLINED REVIEW
OF EXISTING RATES.

DOCKET NO. T-03214A-17-0305

PROCEDURAL ORDER
(Grants Extension)**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On October 4, 2017, Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc. dba Frontier Communications of the White Mountains (“Frontier” or “Frontier White Mountains”) filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”), requesting a streamlined rate review process to demonstrate its continued need for Arizona Universal Service Fund (“AUSF”) support.

Since that time, one procedural conference has been held, a protective agreement has been reached, the application has been found sufficient, direct testimonies on behalf of Frontier White Mountains and the Commission’s Utilities Division (“Staff”) have been filed, and a public comment proceeding has been held. Additionally, hearing dates have been set and vacated at the parties’ request, and several requests for extensions of time have been granted.¹

On August 31, 2021, Frontier White Mountains and Staff filed a Joint Status Report, stating that the parties were continuing to work on finding common ground on an administrative path to allow for a global resolution with Frontier filing a competitive classification application(s) for all of the Frontier incumbent local exchange carriers (“ILECs”) in Arizona. The Joint Status Report also states that Staff and Frontier have had ongoing discussions to determine the information needed for the Frontier ILECs to support an application for competitive classification, with the intention of filing the

¹ For a more complete procedural history, please reference the March 14, 2019, and May 5, 2021, Procedural Orders.

1 application(s) by October 15, 2021. The parties state that the most efficient manner to proceed is for
2 Staff to review the merits of Frontier's competitive classification application(s) before establishing a
3 procedural schedule in this matter and request that this proceeding remain suspended with a new
4 deadline to file a status report of January 31, 2022.

5 It is appropriate to grant the parties' request for this proceeding to remain suspended and to
6 require the parties to file a status update by January 31, 2022.

7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **Frontier White Mountains and Staff shall file** an update
8 on the status of this matter no later than **January 31, 2022**.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the **timeclock** in this matter remains **suspended**.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any motion, other than a dispositive motion, that is filed in
11 this matter and that is not ruled upon within 20 calendar days of the filing date of the motion shall be
12 deemed denied.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a motion other than a dispositive motion
14 shall be filed within seven calendar days of the filing date of the motion.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any response to a dispositive motion shall be filed within 10
16 calendar days of the filing date of the motion.

17 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any reply to a response shall be filed within five calendar
18 days of the filing date of the response.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party or prospective party shall **refer to the**
20 **Commission's website** for information regarding **Global Consent to Email Service² and how to**
21 **Follow the Docket.**³ Information regarding Global Consent to Email Service and how to Follow the
22 Docket is available on the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) by clicking on "**Cases and Open**
23 **Meetings**" and then clicking on "**Globally Consent to Email Service**" or "**Follow a Docket.**"

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **documents may be eFiled** in this docket and that instructions
25 and restrictions for eFiling are available on the Commission's website at <http://azcc.gov/hearing/efile->
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27 ² Global Consent to Email Service allows a party to consent to receive email service in all cases for which the party is
included on the service list, now or in the future.

28 ³ The "Follow a Docket" service allows any person to receive email notice, with a link to the filing, whenever something
is filed in the docket. The service can be used to follow one or many dockets.

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2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
3 31, 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 38, 39, and 42 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
5 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona
6 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings
7 and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for
8 discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative
9 Law Judge or the Commission.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized
11 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision
12 in this matter is final and non-appealable.

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
14 pursuant to Rule 6(a)(2) or (c) of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, or
16 waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at
17 hearing.

18 DATED this 16th day of September, 2021.

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21 SASHA PATERNOSTER
22 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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On this 16th day of September, 2021, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Procedural Order – Grants Miscellaneous Request, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Hearing Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

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